

(8) because of CAFÉ standards, the average sport utility vehicle emits about 75 tons of carbon dioxide over the life of the vehicle while the average car emits about 45 tons of carbon dioxide;

(9) the technology exists to cost effectively and safely make vehicles go further on a gallon of gasoline; and

(10) improving light truck fuel economy would not only cut pollution but also save oil and save owners of new sport utility vehicles and other light trucks money at the gas pump.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the issue of CAFÉ standards should be permitted to be examined by the Department of Transportation, so that consumers may benefit from any resulting increase in the standards as soon as possible; and

(2) the Senate should not recede to section 320 of this bill, as passed by the House of Representatives, which prevents an increase in CAFÉ standards.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce that on Thursday, September 23rd, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources will hold an oversight hearing titled, "Y2K—Will The Lights Go Out?" The purpose of the hearing is to explore the potential consequences of the year 2000 computer problem to the Nation's supply of electricity. The hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m. in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C.

Those who wish further information may write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 15, for purposes of conducting a full committee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of this hearing is to consider the nominations of David Hayes to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior; Sylvia Baca to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management; and Ivan Itkin to be Director of the Office of the Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, the Finance Committee requests unanimous consent to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, September 15, 1999 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in 215 Dirksen.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Governmental Affairs Committee be permitted to meet on Wednesday, September 15, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. for a hearing on the nomination of Sally Katzen to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 15, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. to conduct an oversight hearing on the issue of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act and Contract Support Costs.

The hearing will be held in room 485, Russell Senate Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs will meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 15, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. to conduct and oversight hearing on the issues of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act and Contract Support Costs.

The hearing will be held in room 485, Russell Senate Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, the Committee on the Judiciary requests unanimous consent to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, September 15, 1999 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Room 226 Dirksen.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 15, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. to mark up an original omnibus committee funding resolution for the period October 1, 1999 through February 28, 2001.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Rules and Administration will meet on Wednesday, September 15, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. in Room SR-301 Russell Senate Office Building, to mark up an original omnibus committee funding resolution for the period October 1, 1999 through February 28, 2001.

For further information concerning this meeting, please contact Tamara

Somerville at the Rules Committee on 4-6352.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 15, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SPACE

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Science, Technology, and Space Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Wednesday, September 15, 1999, at 2:30 p.m. on Telemedicine Technologies and Rural Health Care.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

VOLUNTEERISM AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT

• Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, New Hampshire is a place where community spirit and volunteerism is still a big part of our culture and it is partly for that reason that our state is consistently ranked as one of the most livable places in the United States. One of the reasons why our state remains one of the best places to live is that we try to limit the amount of government intrusion into our lives. Unfortunately that message has not gotten through to some people who work in the Forest Service in New Hampshire.

The White Mountain National Forest, which is overseen by the U.S. Forest Service, provides outdoor recreation and economic opportunities for thousands of people who live and work nearby. Preserving this national forest takes a lot of dedication and hard work and many people contribute to keeping the forest in good shape by volunteering their time to clear trails of debris and pick up trash.

In fact, over the summer, two retirees, Frank Barilone, 67, and Ted Matte, 66, both of Ellsworth, were cleaning up Ellsworth Park Beach, which had become littered with an old bob house, rotted rowboats, and assorted cans and bottles and other trash. They had been coming to the area for over 30 years and had both recently decided to retire to the area. They took the initiative to discuss the trash problem with the local Forest Service office in Holderness which told them to go ahead and clean it up which they did. As a reward for their hard work, the Forest Service fined them \$150 for